



Testarossa Vineyards

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2004 Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir

96
points

Intense, keenly defined nose of sweet ripe cherries and spice. Very impressively concentrated, fruit-filled flavors. This outstanding Pinot hits the mark. A patently complete wine. *Connoisseurs' Guide - July 2006*

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Delicious black cherry and plum flavors with smoky bacon notes. Pinot from Rosella's Vineyard is always a treat; this version from Testarossa is supple and silky and delicious. *PinotReport - July 2006*

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This is an immense wine. It explodes in cherry, cola, coffee, cocoa and rhubarb flavors that take over the palate through the long finish. Fortunately, it's totally dry and balanced. *Wine Enthusiast - September 2006*

2003

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Complex, spicy, smoked bacon, black cherry aromas; sweet oak; good structure and balance, long finish. This Pinot has all the right pieces. *PinotReport - August 2005*

90
points

Excellent structure, with firm, ripe tannins wrapped around a rich core of plum and wild berry fruit. *Wine Spectator - May 2005*

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A lovely exposition of both the deep fruit and sleek structure that distinguish wines from the Rosella's Vineyard. Easy to like. *Connoisseurs' Guide - June 2005*

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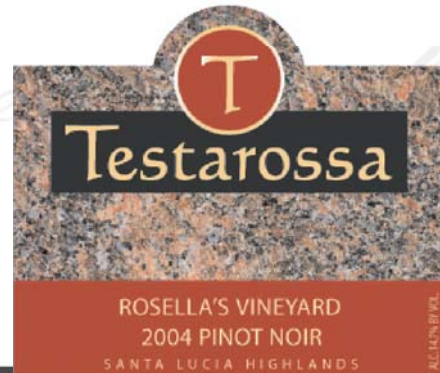
Luscious. It's a heck of a Pinot. Massive, delicious cherry flavors. *Wine Enthusiast - October 2005*

2002

92 points *Connoisseurs' Guide - June 2004*
91 points *PinotReport - May 2004*
90 points *Wine & Spirits - August 2004*
90 points *California Grapevine - August 2004*

2001

92 points *PinotReport - May 2003*



Passion in Every Glass!

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Tasting notes from winemaker Bill Brosseau:

Deep red color. Initial aromas of spice, cherry, and vanilla. The aromas lead into a delicate and well-integrated mouthfeel of extraction balanced with fruit flavors. Cherry and spice continue through to a lengthy finish.

Why is the Rosella's Vineyard special?

Gary Francioni planted his family vineyard, named after his lovely wife Rosella, on River Road in the heart of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Intense wines result from the labor intensive farming, Arroyo Seco sandy loam soil, and a marine climate highlighted by strong coastal winds blowing off Monterey Bay which make for foggy mornings, breezy afternoons and a long, drawn out growing season.

Flavor Profiles: Rosella's Vineyard Pinot Noir

The Rosella's Vineyard is known for its intensity of rich ripe fruit with layers of spice and minerality from the gravelly-loam soils of the Santa Lucia Highlands. This Pinot Noir has complex flavors of black cherry, plum, and wild berry with hints of fresh earth complemented by flavors of vanilla bean and caramel. The sleek, long finish ends with essences of anise and sage.

Testarossa's Style:

Complexity, Balance, and Silky Texture

Testarossa's "house style" is to create wines of uncommon complexity for you to enjoy, while maintaining the beautiful balance of natural wine flavors, hints of toasty new oak, a backbone of natural acidity, and silky smooth texture that make our wines feel as good as they taste.

Testarossa's Special Pinot Noir Winemaking Techniques

It all starts in the vineyard where our winemaker, Bill Brosseau, works with our growers to balance the vines so they produce rich, flavorful, and nutritionally healthy fruit, without over or under stressing the vines. All of the fruit is carefully hand sorted, and a gravity flow process is used throughout fermentation. In the cellar we do an extended pre-fermentation cold-soak, and then use a special strain of yeast in our small custom designed 5-ton stainless steel fermentors.

Unique Characteristics of the 2004 Vintage

2004 started off with an unusually warm dry spring, resulting in enhanced fruitfulness in the vineyards. Moderately warm summer temperatures meant harvest would come a week or two early. September began with a big heat spike, low humidity, and little fog, and harvest ramped up to full capacity instantly. Color and tannin intensity of the wines are pleasantly balanced with a rich fruit-forward focus.

Vineyard	Rosella's Vineyard
Appellation	Santa Lucia Highlands, Monterey County
Owner	Gary & Rosella Francioni
Year planted	1999
Acreage (for Testarossa)	3 acres
Yield	3.8 tons per acre
Soil composition	Sandy, gravelly loam
Elevation	300-400 feet
Exposure	East-facing slopes
Climate	Marine influenced, cool, foggy mornings and evenings; breezy afternoons. Highs from low 70s to upper 80s, lows in the 50s.
First Testarossa vintage	2001
Harvest	2004
Sugar	26.9
Total acidity	6.9 g/l
pH	3.41
Date harvested	9/13/2004
Bottle:	
Alcohol	14.7%
Total acidity	6.6 g/l
pH	3.47
Bottling date	12/14/2005
Time in oak	14 months
Percent new oak	55%
Production	347 cases
Release date	February 2006
Suggested retail price	\$54/bottle
Opt. time for consumption	2006-2013

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